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# September/October 2024 • Lead The Way

This issue introduces the season's annual theme for the Cadet Corps. It is based on 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

Some say that the youth are the church of tomorrow, but in actuality they are the church of today. Cadets can lead by example in many spheres of their life, including church, school, friends, and sports. We will spend the year looking at how the boys can demonstrate their Christian life and lead the way for others.

# *November 2024* • Computers / Responsibility

Computers, and related technology, have become integrated in our everyday lives. The boys are comfortable using tablets, smart phones, gaming systems, and more. But how do we use them in a responsible manner? How can the boys demonstrate to their friends the proper way to use today's technology?

# December 2024 • Integrity

The Christmas season is full of pressure to get what we want, finish school semesters with high stakes tests, and perform well in big games. How do Cadet age boys go through these times without caving in to peer pressure and social media's desire for them to join the world's ways?

### January 2025 • Church Involvement / Leadership

This month we will look at why we go to church. The boys will get a glimpse of who the leaders of the church are, but also how they can be leaders of the church in their own way. Whether helping shovel the snow from a walkway or spending time helping look after the infants in the church nursery, it is good to be involved in church. Young people in the church matter, and can make a difference.

## February 2025 • Sportsmanship

Being part of a sports team or competing in an individual event, is an amazing opportunity for the boys to demonstrate leadership. Without being the top athlete on the field, showing good sportsmanship in all situations lets boys lead the way.

#### March 2025 • Smelly

This month doesn't fit in the same "Lead the Way" category, but follows up on last year's theme of Sticky. Smelly doesn't need to be associated with unpleasant aromas, although it often is. Smelly can be the scent of freshly baked cookies, the lingering presence of a skunk, or the fresh sea aroma reminding you of a beach vacation.

## April/May 2025 • Orienteering / Geocaching

Being outdoors enjoying the wonderful creation is an enjoyable pastime, but it helps to have a map or GPS unit to help you get where you are going. Having leaders in our lives to help direct us is similar. The boys are encouraged to develop into leaders, feeding into others the way they have been led.

Themes for each new season (Sept - May) are chosen around the end of the calendar year. Details are made available (online or by sending in an SASE) at that time. Manuscripts will be selected starting in May 2024. Fiction and non-fiction selections will be made at least three months prior to publication date.